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## National expert to lead discussion on health reform issues

Dr. Len Nichols to meet with Kansas Health Policy Authority Board, Health for All Kansans Steering Committee, and Legislators

The Kansas Health Policy Authority is pleased to announce Dr. Len Nichols, leading national expert on health reform, will be in Kansas on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss health reform issues, especially as it pertains to health insurance connector models. Dr. Nichols will give several public presentations during the day.

"Dr. Nichols has a tremendous amount of expertise in economic growth and fiscal and health policy." His presentations and discussions will prove to be important as the Health Policy Authority Board, Steering Committee and Legislators move forward with plans for health reform and access for all Kansans," said Marci Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority. "I would like to thank Bob St. Peter at the Kansas Health Institute for making Dr. Nichol's trip to Kansas possible. The Health Institute has been and will continue to be a critical resource for health reform."

Dr. Nichols directs the Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation. Previously, he served as the Vice President of the Center for Studying Health System Change, a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute, and the Senior Advisor for Health Policy at the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton reform efforts of 1993-94. He has testified frequently before Congress and state legislatures and has been published widely in a variety of health related journals.

During his visit to Kansas, Dr. Nichols will give the following public presentations on Tuesday, March 13:

Kansas Health Policy Authority Board and Health for All Kansans Steering Committee 9:30AM

Eisenhower State Office Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl, Conf. Rm. B, 700 SW Jackson, Topeka \*Dr. Nichols' presentation will follow the Steering Committee meeting, which begins at 8:30AM.

11:30AM **Public Presentation** 

> State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Rm, Rm. 313-S, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Topeka \*Legislators and the public are invited to attend.

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